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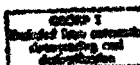
SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL BLACK SHIELD COVERAGE OF  
 NORTH KOREA

THE FOLLOWING COMIREX REPORT ON THE SUBJECT IS TRANSMITTED  
 FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION BY THE USIB. IT IS REQUESTED THAT USIB  
 MEMBERS ADVISE THE SECRETARIAT IF POSSIBLE BY NOON WEDNESDAY,  
 31 JANUARY, OF THEIR CONCURRENCE OR OTHER VIEWS ON THE COMIREX  
 RECOMMENDATIONS STATED BELOW.

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1. COMIREX HAS REVIEWED THE COVERAGE OBTAINED ON

[REDACTED] THAT ACQUIRED EXCELLENT QUALITY

PHOTOGRAPHY OF MOST OF THE SOUTHERN HALF OF NORTH KOREA,

INCLUDING THE DMZ, AND WHICH SUCCEEDED IN LOCATING THE PUEBLO.

DESPITE THE OVERALL EXCELLENCE OF COVERAGE, THERE WERE CERTAIN  
IMPORTANT DEFICIENCIES AND UNFILLED REQUIREMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SEVEN MAJOR NORTH KOREAN JET-CAPABLE

AIRFIELDS WERE NOT PHOTOGRAPHED. OF THESE, FIVE WERE

WENT WITHIN THE AREA COVERED [REDACTED]

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THE REMAINING TWO JET-CAPABLE AIRFIELDS LOCATED NORTH

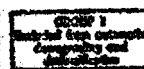
OF THE AREA COVERED WERE NOT ACCESSIBLE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE AMONG SIGNIFICANT AIRFIELDS NOT COVERED, IS ULJU, THE NORMAL OPERATING BASE FOR MOST OF NORTH KOREA'S IL-28 BOMBERS. AS A RESULT, ONLY 12 OF THE 80 IL-28'S CURRENTLY ESTIMATED IN THE NORTH KOREAN INVENTORY WERE LOCATED [REDACTED]

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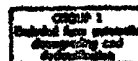
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B. COVERAGE WAS NOT ACQUIRED OF THE NAVAL FACILITY AT MAYANG DO WHICH NORMALLY SERVES THE NORTH KOREAN SUBMARINE ~~RESERVE~~ FLEET, NOR WAS COVERAGE OBTAINED OF SEVERAL KEY NAVAL BASES IN NORTHEASTERN KOREA, SOME OF WHICH LIE A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM EITHER THE CHINESE OR SOVIET FRONTIERS. A REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION WAS EMPHASIZED BY THE DETECTION OF THREE

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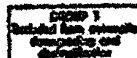
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ADDITIONAL KOMAR CLASS GUIDED MISSILE ~~MISS~~ PATROL  
BOATS ON THE RECENT MISSION. THESE BOATS, OBSERVED  
AT WONSAN, INCREASED OUR ORDER OF BATTLE ESTIMATE  
TO SEVEN. IMMEDIATE COVERAGE OF THE IMPORTANT NAVAL  
BASES FURTHER NORTH ALONG THE NORTHEASTERN COAST IS  
REQUIRED TO INSURE AWARENESS OF ANY IMPORTANT CHANGES  
TO NORTH KOREAN NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE IN THAT AREA.

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IN ADDITION TO THE IMMEDIATE

NEED FOR OBTAINING THE BASELINE COVERAGE DISCUSSED ABOVE, WE ENVISAGE A REQUIREMENT FOR RECOVERY OF THE INSTALLATIONS PHOTOGRAPHED  PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF THE DMZ, TO DETERMINE IF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO ORDER OF BATTLE HAVE OCCURED.

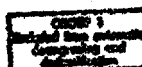
2. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT USIB:

A. APPROVE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL BX MISSIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A MISSION TO BE FLOWN AS SOON AS POLITICAL AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS PERMIT TO OBTAIN COVERAGE OF TARGETS MISSED BY  AND TO OBTAIN COVERAGE

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OF AS MUCH OF THE AREA INACCESSIBLE TO

AS MAY BE FEASIBLE;

(2) A LATER MISSION FLOWN SO AS TO  
OBTAIN RECOVERY OF SOUTHERN AREAS,  
PARTICULARLY ALONG THE DMZ, WHICH CAN BE  
USED TO DETERMINE IF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES HAVE  
OCCURRED; AND

B. NOTE THAT COMIREX WILL ASSURE THAT FUTURE  
SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS ARE PROGRAMMED TO  
SUPPLEMENT BLACK SHIELD COVERAGE TO THE MAXIMUM  
EXTENT POSSIBLE.

**END OF MESSAGE**

**Chairman, COMIREX**

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